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TO : SC Washington
FROM : SC Amzon
SUBJECT : Transmittal of Berlin Raw Intelligence Report

1. Attached herewith for your information and retention is Berlin RIR No. 665 (MGB-1948).

2. Togan Bey BARANOWSKI was previously reported (BSC-430) to be an MVD agent living on Pasanenasse, just off Kurfuerstendamm, Berlin. Additional traces were furnished in London 663 and Amzon D-003-926 (to Berlin only).

3. Previous traces on von STACKELBERG disclosed that a certain Baron von STACKELBERG, a German agent, operated in Switzerland (1935-36) against the French and was later arrested by the Surete National.

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SUBJECT: SPHINX PROJECT/ INTERVIEW WITH BARON VON STACKELBERG.

1. Reference: Operation's Report BSC/Ops/009; 28 December 1946.
2. Source was finally able to locate his friend, Baron Michail von STACKELBERG, at his home on Nikolsburgerplatz 6, Berlin/Wilmersdorf.
3. After discussing "old times" with source, the Baron recited a litany of his present struggle for existence. He said he was now a German citizen employed as a translator for the Soviets in the Scientific Research Section of the Coal Ministry (Wissenschaftliche-Forschungs-Abteilung der Kohlen-Ministerium) in Berlin/Weissensee. He complained that he worked from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and received only 450 RM per month and no food, although when hired he was promised food ration cards befitting an officer and 1,000 RM per month. He said he has worked for the Soviets for about a year and is completely dissatisfied with his job. He would like to work in any sort of desk job for the British Military Government, but cannot do so because his English is too poor. His preference for the British, he said, was motivated by the fact that he resides in the British Sector of Berlin and that he would be able to visit his wife and daughter in Luebeck. In Berlin, he has a son attending the University of Berlin.
4. Source stated the Baron was feeling depressed, insecure, and anxious to join his family in Luebeck. Although he intimated to source that he knows a lot of Soviet officers--some of them personally--nonetheless he was reluctant to tell source about them. He said the Soviet officers do not trust each other and each feels insecure. Also, that among Soviet officers, hatred of their Jewish comrades is very noticeable. As the conversation progressed (aided and abetted with source's schnapps and cigarettes), source was able to learn indirectly that the following Russian emigres are now Soviet agents: Baron Meindorf (fnu), living somewhere in Berlin/Fronau; one Tugan-Baranovsky (fnu), and one Sobolewski (fnu). In confidence, the Baron told source his sympathies are with the Western Powers and that the Soviets are unaware of his former connections with the "Anti-Komintern". Source stated that through repeated visits and a prolonged stay in Berlin, he could persuade the Baron to work for us.

COMMENT:

Reference to a Baron Otto von Stackelberg in Operation's Report No. BSC/Ops/009 should be disregarded. Source feels that he alone can turn the Baron Michail (subject of above report), and advised caution, because if any offers were made, he would be too demanding for favors and would insist on quitting his job and ask to rejoin his wife and daughter in Luebeck. Although it is not impossible, it appears improbable that the Soviets are ignorant that the Baron was as late as 1945 a deputy section leader in the "Anti-Komintern".

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